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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

SUBJECT : Tang-ku/Ta-ku Port Area NO. : B-1014-59
LOCATION : Hopeh Province, China DATE: 1 September 1959
MAP DATA : ATMP 0381-9975-100A, 0381-9975-1-25MA, 0381-9975-2-25MA

The Tang-ku/Ta-ku port area (39°01'N/117°40'E), located at the mouth of the Hai Ho (river), serves as the deep water port for Tientsin (Tien-ching) which is located 25 miles west-northwest of Tang-ku.

Tang-ku/Ta-ku was covered by good-quality, large-scale aerial photography on [REDACTED] for the first time since [REDACTED]. A study of this photography indicates that several major changes have occurred since [REDACTED]. A dam has been built at the mouth of the Hai Ho, raising the water level of the river and permitting ocean-going vessels to reach Tientsin regardless of tidal conditions. To facilitate the passage of fishing vessels on entry and exit to Po-Hai Bay, a 1.1 mile diversion channel and lock have been constructed. Tang-ku New Harbor appears to be still under expansion. Present facilities include a wharf with berthing accommodations for five 8,000-gross-ton vessels, two piers equipped with coal-loading conveyors, and seven large warehouses, totaling 255,000 square feet of floor space.

The Tang-ku/Ta-ku port area appears active with 11 cargo vessels and numerous smaller ships present.

Additional changes in the area include new POL storage facilities, open storage areas, and railroad yards.

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